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SUBJECT: CANDU NUCLEAR REACTOR FOR KOREA

REF: OTTAWA 037

1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR STILES INFORMED ME TODAY, JANUARY 21, THAT HE HAD MET JANUARY 20 WITH FONMIN KIM KONG JO TO PRESENT NEW UMBRELLA AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS AND CANADIAN POSITION ON NPT RATIFICATION.

2. STILES CHARACTERIZED UMBRELLA AGREEMENT, WHICH WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT, AS TIGHTEST POSSIBLE. PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT ARE AS DESCRIBED REFTEL, WITH ADDITION OF PROVISION FOR SANCTIONS IF AGREEMENT VIOLATED.

3. FONMIN REACTION WAS NOT UNFAVORABLE.

4. STILES SAID THAT FONMIN HAD BEEN INFORMED RATIFICATION OF NPT WAS NOT RPT NO SINE QUA NON FOR SALE OF CANDU REACTOR. NEVERTHELESS, IF NPT NOT RPT NOT RATIFIED, CANADIAN CABINET WOULD HAVE TO RECONSIDER CANDU REACTOR SALE. FURTHERMORE, CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE PREPARED TO SELL RESEARCH REACTOR UNLESS NPT IS RATIFIED. ACCORDING STILES, FONMIN REITERATED THAT HIS MINISTRY FAVORS NPT RATIFICATION
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BUT THERE WERE "PROBLEMS" IN OTHER GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES.

STILES ADDED THAT AT THIS POINT CANADIAN GOVERNMENT
IS NOT RPT NOT GIVING ANY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO
SALE OF SECOND CANDU REACTOR DESPITE RUMORS. STILES
SAID THAT HE UNDERSTANDS CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WILL SOON
APPROACH WASHINGTON WITH RESPECT NPT RATIFICATION AND
POSSIBLE PARALLEL USG APPROACH TO ROKG. HE HAS NOT
RPT NOT BEEN SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO INFORM US OF
NPT APPROACH AND REQUESTS THAT WE MAKE NO REFERENCE
TO IT UNTIL OTTAWA RAISES IT DIRECTLY WITH WASHINGTON.
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